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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **First day of issue —- 2 February 2007: "Flag" stamps series**

Flag stamps

1. On Friday, 2 February 2007, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will continue with the stamps of the Flag Series by releasing four new stamps illustrating the flags of the newest four States Members of the United Nations.

2. Originally launched on 26 September 1980, the Flag Series was created to honour the States Members of the United Nations. Until 1989, 16 flags were printed each year; after the release of the 1989 series, the programme was temporarily suspended, as stamps illustrating the flags of all the then-current Member States had been issued.

3. With the admission of new Member States in the ensuing years, UNPA has periodically resumed the Flag Series programme since February 1997. The four stamps being issued on 2 February 2007 represent the fifteenth group of commemorative stamps featuring flags of the States Members of the United Nations. Stamps featuring the flags of future Member States will be issued by UNPA as appropriate.

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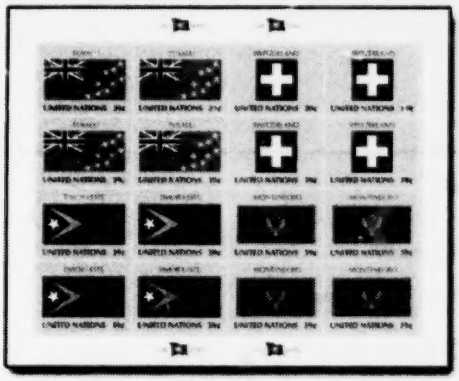
4. The horizontal sheet of 16 stamps accommodates the four different flags, each in blocks of four. The denomination of the new stamps will be $0.39. The four Member States are:

Tuvalu, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Montenegro



2007 Flag Series Annual Collection folder

5. On the same day, UNPA will release the 2007 Flag Series Annual Collection folder of single mint stamps. The stamps are not affixed inside the album and stamp mounts are provided. Please note that the Flag Series **will not** be included in the Annual Collection albums to be issued at the end of 2007.

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 2 February, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Temporary sales counter on the east side of the Secretariat lobby between the cafeteria and the news-stand in front of the windows: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.